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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (currently amended). A freeze-dried composition in the form of a shaped body, comprising a rapidly soluble, open matrix of a carbohydrate polymer and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

2 - 3 (cancelled)

4 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises at least one excipient.

5 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a low molecular weight carbohydrate.

6 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a component selected from colouring agents and flavouring agents.

7 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a therapeutic agent.

8 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, in the shape of a tablet.

9 (currently amended). ~~[[The]] A composition according to claim 1,~~ obtainable by freeze-drying a solution containing ~~[[the]] a~~ carbohydrate polymer and any other component(s), the solution being provided as a single dosage aliquot in a mould corresponding to the desired shape; and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

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10 (cancelled).

11 (previously presented). The composition, according to claim 1, in the form of a shaped body that is rapidly soluble in water, comprising a therapeutic agent and, as a vehicle, an open matrix of pullulan.

12 (previously presented). A composition, in the form of a shaped body, comprising a rapidly soluble open matrix of a carbohydrate polymer, wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

13 (currently amended). A composition in the form of a shaped body, comprising a rapidly soluble, open matrix of a carbohydrate polymer, which additionally comprises a therapeutic agent, and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

14 (cancelled).

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